

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The details of foreign loan utilised are as follow:

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Rs. equivalent (Exchange Rate as on 27.11.91)</i>
		<i>Rs./crores</i>
Loan from KFW (Germany)	DM 110.045 Million	177.85
Loan from Deutsche Bank	DM 71.562 Million	115.66
Loan from Finnsh Exp., Bank	DM 10.830 Million	17.50
Loan from Nippon Cr. Bank	DM 10.681 Million	
	Sfr. 2.225 Million	21.37
Swiss Mixed Credit	Sfr. 16.170 Million	29.49
		361.87

Exploration of Mineral Oil

2382. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in various parts of the country for the exploration of mineral Oil; and

(b) the broad features in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Exploration has been carried out in several parts (basins) of the country i.e. category I Canbay, Upper Assam, Bombay Offshore, Krishna Godavari, Cauvery and Assam Arakan Fold Belt, and in categories II, III and IV basins i.e. Kutch, Rajasthan, Andaman, Himalayan foothills, Ganga Valley, Bengal, Saurashtra, Kerala Konkan, Mahanadi, Gondwana and other basins. As a result, in category I basins by 1.1.91 about 1178 MMT of recoverable reserves of crude oil have been established.

EEC Assistance for development of Kharland in Maharashtra

2383. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Economic

Community has allocated funds for the development of Kharland in the coastal regions of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of such funds provided by EEC during the last three years;

(c) whether these funds have been utilised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (e). Agreement for the Saline Land Reclamation Project was signed with the European Economic Community in August 1984 for an amount of ECU 20 million to be provided in the form of commodity support i.e. fertilizers. Expenditure incurred by the Government of Maharashtra under this project is to be reimbursed out of counterpart funds (generated by sale of fertilizers). As of now, a sum of Rs. 15.68 crores has been reimbursed to the Maharashtra Government.

Defence Budget of Pakistan

2384. KUMARI UMABHARTI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Monetary Fund

had warned Pakistan to cut its defence budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan spends about a half of its budget on defence; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). There have been several media reports indicating that the International Monetary Fund had suggested a 9% cut in the Pakistani defence budget.

(c) According to official figures published by the Pakistan Government, Pakistan spends 38% of its budget on defence. It is, however, believed that a part of its defence expenditure is covered under other heads, so the percentage could be higher.

(d) Pakistan's diversion of resources to defence beyond its legislative needs adversely affects economic development and the security environment in the region.

Government constantly monitor all development having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Fish Gene Bank

2385. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up fish gene bank in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the locations identified for the purpose;

(c) the advantages of these gene banks; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent on setting up of these banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBPGR) in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Gene banks help in genetic improvement and conservation of species.

(d) Approximately Rs. 70 lakhs.

[Translation]

Narmada Sagar Dam

2386. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narmada Sagar Dam is being constructed in the earthquake prone area;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of suggestion made by the National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Narmada Sagar Dam is being constructed in the area falling at the borders of seismic zone II and III as per the Indian Standard Classification (IS 1893-1984). This is a mild earthquake prone area.

(b) Survey has been conducted by the Engineering Geological Division, Centre Region of Geological Survey of India at Nagpur and Department of Earthquake Engineering, University of Roorkee.

(c) Based on the suggestion of Engineering Geological Division, centre Region, Nagpur and the Department of Earthquake Engineering, University of Roorkee and after a detailed investigation and seismic analysis at site using a probabilities approach, a suggested effective peak ground acceleration equal to 0.2g (acceleration due to gravity) has been adopted.

(d) The National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad carried out deep seismic sounding survey which indicated that